



Birth Injury Fact Sheet.

An Essential Guide to Birth Injury Cases.

The birth of a new baby is a joyous and wonderful time for a family; however sadly complications can arise and adverse medical outcomes can occur. A birth injury is a trauma experienced by infants before, during, or shortly after childbirth and can result in minor complications to severe, life-threatening and debilitating conditions. At Sellors, we're here to help.



Types of Birth Injury Cases

Our experience of acting for people include the following:

- *Cerebral Palsy*
- *Erbs Palsy*
- *Brain Bleeds*
- *Birth Asphyxia*
- *Forceps and Vacuum Extractor Injuries*
- *Traumatic Birth Injuries*
- *Neonatal Birth Injuries*
- *Facial Paralysis*
- *Fractures*
- *Injuries to the mother*

“Ronan fought tooth and nail and obtained a settlement far beyond my expectations.” Client Testimonial

What are the immediate symptoms of birth injuries?

Birth injuries manifest in several different forms and in many different ways. For instance, some injuries are obvious and noticed immediately, such as bruises and/or lacerations. These are typically seen as mild and will usually heal over time. Other times, you may not even realise your baby experienced a birth injury until several years later.

What are the symptoms you may see later?

Some birth injuries cannot be seen immediately because they are internal. Precautionary parents may choose to have an MRI to scan the child's brain to look out for these internal problems. These types of birth injuries are usually only identified when developmental milestones are delayed or missed.

Delayed Symptoms

- *Missing developmental milestones such as sitting up, crawling, grasping objects, and walking*
- *Poor weight gain*
- *Poor growth*
- *Speech difficulties*
- *Abnormal, frequent outbursts*
- *Lethargy*



“Sonya pulled out all the Stops and went way beyond the call of duty to ensure that we had world renowned medical experts and legal counsel advising us on our case.”-Client Testimonial

Do I or a Loved One Have a Case?

During our initial consultation or home visit, one of our expert solicitors will take detailed instructions from you and critically assess the merits of your case. We will move swiftly to take up a copy of the maternity records and seek an expert opinion to establish whether or not there are sufficient grounds to proceed. Our dedicated solicitors will guide you and your family with sensitivity, strength and expertise encompassing both legal and medical knowledge.

Are there time limits to bring a case?

Strict time limits apply to cases of medical negligence including birth injuries. The time limits differ depending on the area of law. Special rules apply to minors under the age of 18 and those individuals who lack capacity to make decisions for themselves. It is advisable to seek expert legal advice as soon as possible as cases of this nature are complex and require investigation on three separate distinct fronts; (1) liability; (2) rehabilitation; and (3) quantum.

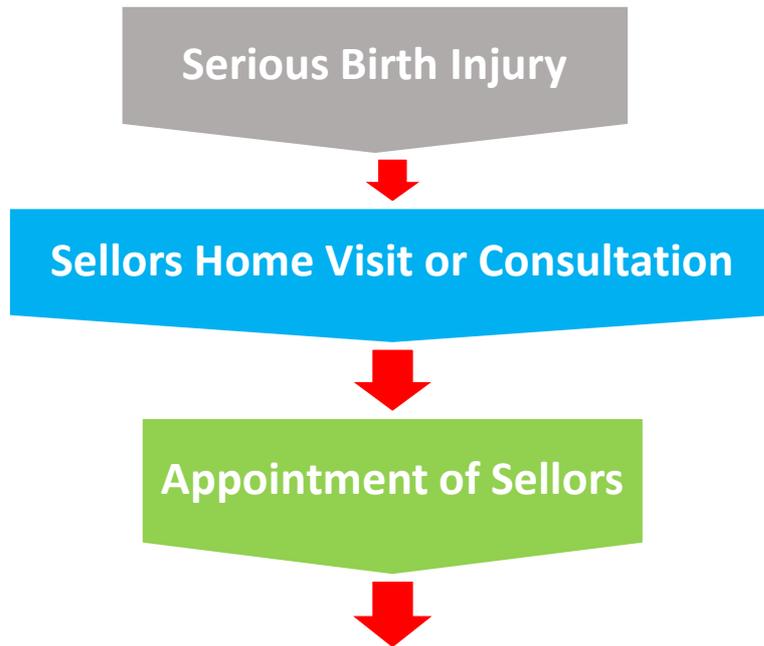
Will I have to go to Court?

A common question. The vast majority of birth injury cases do not proceed to actual hearing at Trial. However, in Ireland the High Court must review and approve any settlement on behalf of the injured child. Please don't worry. We ensure you have the help and all the support you need. In the unlikely scenario that your case goes to Trial, we will guide you every step of the way with strength and sensitivity.

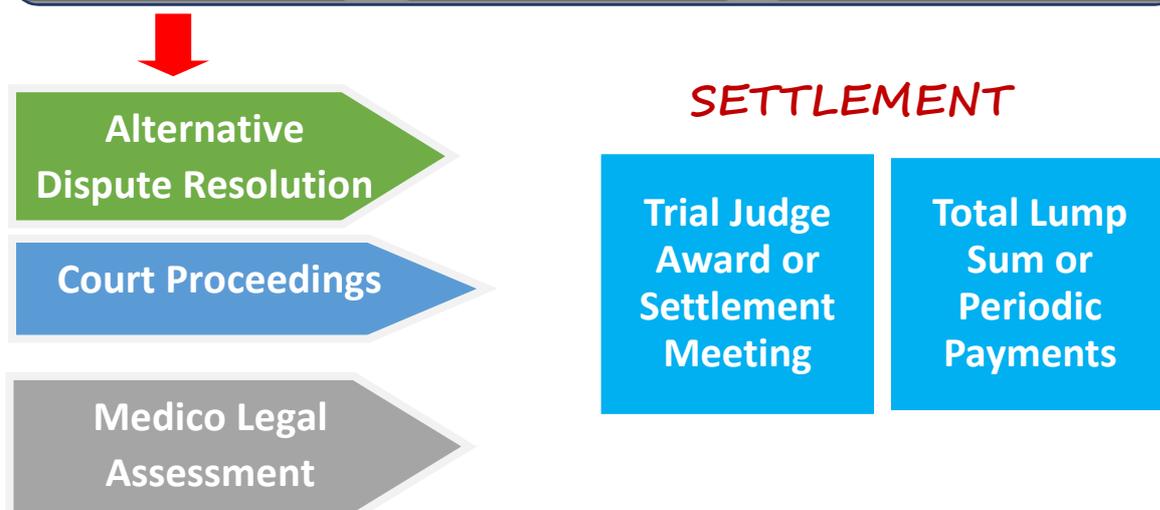
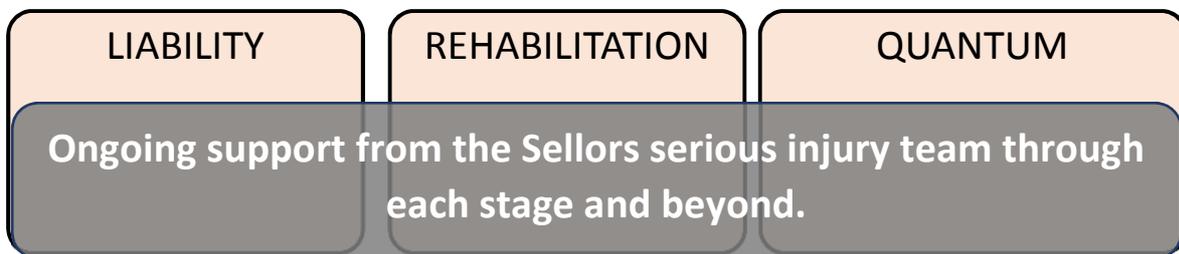
What Will the Legal Costs Be?

The legal costs associated with a birth injury will depend on the unique circumstances of each and every case. Each birth injury case is different and a bespoke legal advice and support service is put in place to reflect the child's birth a injury. At Sellors, we tell you at the outset what our fees are likely to be and update these as the case progresses so that there are no surprises at the conclusion of the case.

The Sellors Litigation Journey



The case advances on 3 separate fronts:
Liability, Rehabilitation and Quantum



"Dervla was a compassionate yet fearless advocate on my behalf."
Client Testimonial

What type of compensation does my child receive?

Compensation is the sum of money paid to victims of birth injury to repay financial losses and physical or psychological pain and suffering. There are two main categories of compensation; general damages and special damages. General damages refer to compensation for pain and suffering and loss of lifestyle suffered as a result of a birth injury. Such awards are limited in Ireland and guidelines are available to the Courts for particular injuries. Special damages refer to an individual's specific financial losses both past and into the future caused by a birth injury.



Special Damages

Such headings of compensation would typically include but not limited to the following;

- *Future medical treatment costs*
- *Rehabilitation & therapy costs*
- *New or adapted housing costs*
- *Provision of past & future nursing or domestic care*
- *Aids & equipment costs*
- *Transport costs*
- *Past & future Loss of earnings & pension*

"Derek worked day & night to get the outcome we needed. Highly recommended!" Client Testimonial

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Why Choose Sellors?

Our serious injury team are available 24/7 to assist you and your family in times of crisis and emergency. We represent clients nationwide from Limerick, Cork, Dublin and Galway to help them get access to high quality medical care and support to help improve their quality of life, increase independence and provide financial security for the future. We are there for as long as you need us, providing after-care support long after the settlement of your case.



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